HEAD COACH BRAD BROWNELL

Opening Statement
“I congratulate Duke, I thought they played very well, very inspired. Just really disappointed in my team. We didn’t play well tonight, and obviously Duke had something to do with that, but a lot of the things that we practiced we didn’t seem to want to do tonight and they obviously made us pay.”

On what Duke does defensively this year which makes them better than other years:
“(Tre) Jones is obviously a factor on the ball. He’s a very good individual defender, and I think the size of the athletes at the wings is obviously extremely impressive. They’re long, they’re big, it’s not easy to get by them, certainly there is presence at the rim at the center position, and obviously they can play pretty well and certainly that’s a factor tonight.”

On Clemson’s physicality:
“Nonexistent.”

On if Zion Williamson was at the level he predicted during recruitment:
“Yeah, I thought he would be this good.”

On what changed defensively in the second half:
“I don’t know, I didn’t feel like we did much of anything defensively, we were ok for a while in the first half. Obviously, the first half we were decent defensively, my guards didn’t block out and they had 12 points off offensive rebounds, and it was 40-33, so you get into missed shots, and they had a bunch of turnovers, we had a bunch of turnovers. I don’t know that either one of us played great in the first half, but second half, we just gave in.”